

Mayo, Ireland, Frank immigrated to the United States in 1947. He is a graduate of Columbia College and New York Law School. Like so many who follow their dreams to this great country, Frank worked hard as a janitor, parking attendant, and office clerk as he pursued his education. Upon graduation, he joined his uncle, the late Paul O'Dwyer, at the law firm of O'Dwyer and Bernstien. As a trial lawyer, Frank has an excellent reputation as an advocate for injured plaintiffs. For half a century he has been a defender of civil rights in Federal courts from New Hampshire to Texas. Frank epitomizes those who come to our shores following the American dream and enrich our institutions through their hard work and dedication.●

TRIBUTE TO KIP JANVRIN

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a native Iowan and a remarkable athletic champion, Kip Janvrin. Today marks the beginning of the 96th annual Drake Relays, one of the Nation's most prestigious track and field events, held each spring at Drake Stadium in Des Moines. Kip will take the field for the last time in a sport in which he has dominated at Drake for the last 22 years, the decathlon.

The Relays are aptly called "Americas Athletic Classic." This will be the last year they are held in the old Drake Stadium. This summer, the stadium will get a dramatic face-lift and overhaul in order to conform to national and international standards.

Over the years, the words "Drake Relays and Kip Janvrin" have become virtually synonymous. The Drake Relays are one of America's premier track and field venues, and Kip Janvrin is one of America's premier track and field athletes, competing in what is arguably the most demanding event in all of sports. From Jesse Owens to Wilma Rudolph, Gwen Torrance, Carl Lewis and Michael Johnson, the Drake Relays have seen almost all of the great Olympians in track and field. But one Olympian, Kip Janvrin, has been a dominant presence at the event for more than two decades.

If the cheers are especially loud for Kip, it is because he is a native son of Iowa. Raised in Panora and a graduate of Simpson College in Indianola, Kip has won the decathlon at the Drake Relays a remarkable 14 times. It is fitting that the last year for the original Drake Stadium will also be the last year that this American original competes in the Drake Relays.

Kip is one of the top-ranked decathletes in the world, and he is the oldest active U.S. competitor in this extraordinarily demanding event. The decathlon is a 10-event competition which takes place over two days. It includes the 100 meter dash, long jump, shot put, high jump, 400 meter dash, 110 meter hurdles, discus, pole vault, javelin and 1,500 meter run. Kip began

competing in the decathlon in 1983, and quickly excelled in all 10 events.

While attending Simpson College, Kip competed many times in the Drake Relays. His first victory came in 1987 in the decathlon, and he went on to add 13 more titles over the next 18 years. His 14 championships at the Drake Relays are the most by any athlete in the history of that event. In 1998, he was inducted into the Drake Relays Hall of Fame. During his years at Simpson, he earned 3 NCAA titles in the decathlon, and 2 more NCAA titles in individual events. He was inducted into the Simpson Hall of Fame in 1998, and the NCAA Division III Track and Field Hall of Fame in 2004.

Kip's accomplishments are nothing short of amazing. He has completed more than 80 decathlons. He holds the world records in career victories, scores over 7,000 points, and consecutive finishes. He also holds the world record for the double decathlon, a grueling event involving every event in track and field, except for the marathon and walks.

Kip won the decathlon at the 1995 Pan American Games. As a member of the U.S. Olympic team at the 2000 Games in Sydney, Australia, he was the oldest decathlete ever to compete for the United States. In 2001, he won the decathlon at the USA Outdoor Championships. Last year, Kip came in second at the Drake Relays, the first time in 9 years that he did not come in first. However, Kip took the loss in stride, because the victor was his protégé, Travis Goepfert, also a native of Panora, IA.

Kip is currently in his 15th year as co-head coach at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg. He and his wife, Teresa, have two sons, Jaxon, age 9, and Mason, age 7.

So as Kip Janvrin warms up for his final Drake Relays, I extend my congratulations and best wishes. With his self discipline, his commitment to excellence, and his enormous human decency, he represents Iowa at its very best. I wish him success in this, his final, Drake Relays. Win or lose, he will be a true champion.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 748. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent the transportation of minors in circumvention of certain laws relating to abortion, and for other purposes.

H.R. 902. An act to improve circulation of the \$1 coin, create a new bullion coin, provide for the redesign of the reverse of the Lincoln 1-cent coin in 2009 in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 81. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the two-year anniversary of the human rights crackdown in Cuba.

At 8:37 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the resolution (H. Con. Res. 95) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 902. To improve circulation of the \$1 coin, create a new bullion coin, provide for the redesign of the reverse of the Lincoln 1-cent coin in 2009 in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 81. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the two-year anniversary of the human rights crackdown in Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 975. A bill to provide incentives to increase research by private sector entities to develop medical countermeasures to prevent, detect, identify, contain, and treat illnesses, including those associated with biological, chemical, nuclear, or radiological weapons attack or an infectious disease outbreak, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated: